



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 3495.0307

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Paola MINOPRIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
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Application No.: 10/775,339) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: February 11, 2004)
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For: IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION)
OF RACEMASES, DEFINITION OF PROTEIN)
SIGNATURES, AND A TEST FOR DETECTING)
D-AMINO ACID AND FOR SCREENING)
MOLECULES CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE)
ACTIVITY OF RACEMASE, ESPECIALLY)
PROLINE RACEMASE)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a five month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application of May 11, 2004. A copy of this Notice is enclosed. A fee of \$2,160.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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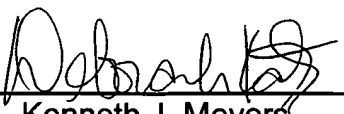
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